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To The
Chairman
of the
Barrowford Urban District Council

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my Annual return of the health of the District. During the year 1896 there have been 76 deaths registered 33 males and 43 females. This gives an annual death rate of 13.33 per 1000 against 21.3 per 1000 of last year -
There were 32 deaths in children under 5 years of age, and 44 in persons above that age - The deaths under 1 year were 20. giving an annual infant mortality of 3.5 per 1,000 -
The births registered were 128 - 60 males, & 68 females giving an Annual birth rate of 22.45 per 1,000
The rate of Infant deaths under one year to a 1,000 births 156.
The Zymotic rate was 1.4 per 1,000 against 0.88 of last year. Death rate from Phthisis 0.52, and from respiratory Diseases 2.45 per 1,000 of population.
Of infectious diseases there were 14 cases notified

Scarlet Fever -	5 cases	—
Typhoid Fever -	3 "	2 deaths
Membranous Croup	2 "	2 "
Erysipelas	4	—

There were also 4 deaths from Whooping cough, 2 from Diarhoea, 2 Premature Births, 14 from Bronchitis and Pneumonia, 9 from Heart Disease, & 2 Suicide -
I have in Company with the Sanitary

Inspector periodically visited the Mills, the closets in some of them are sadly short of ventilation, and disinfectants are not used with any regularity.

I have also visited the Schools periodically and the same defect in not regularly using disinfectants exists in them also.

The practice of allowing the children out during play hour without caps and shawls needs the most careful consideration of the Managers and School Board -

Had it not been for this neglect, and also for the bad condition of the pathways, and main roads which for week have remained unswept Bronchitis and Rheumatic Fever would not have been so prevalent during the past year.

Fortunately we have not had any epidemic during the year although measles is raging to a vast extent in the neighbouring Districts, should it spread to this District we are not well prepared to meet it.

I have on several occasions found children in School from infected houses - If the teachers would insist upon having a note either from the Medical Attendant or from the Medical Officer of Health granting children from infected houses permission to return to School the spread of infection would be thereby lessened considerably.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Yours truly

January 5th 1897

F. E. de Blaquiere